

MEDIA ADVISORY

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DCR TO BEGIN INTERIM REPAIRS ON STORROW DRIVE TUNNEL

One lane of traffic will be restricted

WHAT:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will begin making interim repairs to the Storrow Drive Tunnel. During this first week of the work, which will primarily involve installing temporary fencing and noise barriers outside the tunnel, one lane of Storrow Drive eastbound (inbound) will be restricted. The work is not expected to be noisy.

Last May, DCR awarded an \$11.5 million contract to SPS New England of Salisbury to make the interim repairs to the tunnel, which carries eastbound traffic through Boston's Back Bay neighborhood. The repairs will include replacing deteriorated concrete in the roof and wall sections of the tunnel and installing waterproofing membranes in roof joints to prevent water seepage. Also, the stormwater collection system in the tunnel will be connected to a groundwater recharge system along Back Street.

The work is expected to continue through November, and begin again in spring. Changes in times and traffic patterns will be announced. Work will be suspended when it conflicts with a Red Sox home game.

WHEN: Sunday night-Friday morning

> July 13-July 18 9 p.m.-5 a.m.

Storrow Drive Tunnel WHERE:

Back Bay neighborhood

Boston

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